

Ending our dependence on foreign oil and promoting Iowa renewable energy is a top priority of mine. Iowa is already a national leader in biofuels, but our state has the potential to become a world leader in the research, development, and production of renewable energy.

The first bill I introduced in Congress was the New Era Act of 2007—a law that created a grant program for Iowa's community colleges to offer renewable energy workforce training programs.

I'm working hard in Congress to shift the United States' energy focus from the Middle East to the Midwest so we can invest more in renewable energy like ethanol and biodiesel and create the good-paying jobs of the future.

Recent Action

- [Clean energy grant for Waverly](#)
- [Braley votes to renew biodiesel tax credit](#)
- [Braley urges Pelosi to fund energy efficient appliance rebates](#)
- [Energy efficient grant for Waterloo](#)

Features

Big Oil Accountability Act

- Protects taxpayers from paying for oil disaster
- Raises liability cap to \$10 billion
- Eliminates \$500 million cap on natural resource damages

[Read more about the legislation here.](#)

New Era Expansion

Bruce Braley wants to invest in clean-energy job training at Iowa's community colleges.

[Read about the legislation.](#)

Country-of-Origin Labeling, (COOL) for Fuels Act

Bruce Braley wants you to know where your fuel comes from.

[Read about the legislation.](#)

Wind Energy Research and Development Act:

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Passed on Wednesday, September 9th

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Will result in higher performance and lower costs in wind energy generation

This bill will carry out a research program that:

- Improves energy efficiency, reliability and capacity of wind turbines
- Optimizes the design and adaptability of wind energy systems

- Reduces the cost of construction, generation and maintenance of wind energy systems

It will focus on specified areas, including:

- New materials and designs to make larger, lighter and less expensive rotor blades;
- Technologies to improve gearbox performance and reliability;
- Automation, materials, and assembly of large-scale components to reduce manufacturing costs;
- Advanced technology for small wind turbines.

2009-2010 Action on Clean Energy

Sponsorships:

[Country-Of-Origin Labeling \(COOL\) for Fuels Act:](#)

- Introduced Tuesday, January 26th
- Will reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil

Co-Sponsorships:

- H.R. 1476, Open Fuel Standard Act
- H.R. 3165, The Wind Energy Research and Development Act
- H.R. 3715, Community Restoration and Revitalization Act
- H.R. 3731, Community College Energy Training Act

Past Action:

[American Clean Energy and Security \(ACES\) Act](#)

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Passed on Friday, June 26th with my support

- Creates jobs and decreases dependence on foreign oil

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[Click here to read Rep. Braley's statement on the bill](#) .

[Summary of the American Clean Energy and Security Act](#)

View my presentation on the American Clean Energy and Security Act:

